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SUBJECT: THE STATUS OF THE CDU "STERNFAHRT" TO WEST
BERLIN

REFS: A. USBERLIN 1680 (NOTAL); B. BONN 13469

1. AS ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE PERCEIVED FROM THE NEWS SERVICES, INFORMATION ABOUT THE GDR REACTION TO BUSES CARRYING YOUNG CDU SUPPORTERS TO BERLIN FOR AN ANTI-WALL RALLY IS STILL UNCERTAIN. SOME TICKERS SUGGEST AT LEAST SOME BUSES MAY HAVE BEEN PASSED BY GDR SENTRIES THOUGH OTHERS WERE TURNED BACK.

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2. THE OFFICIAL WEST GERMAN INFORMATION, GIVEN TO US BY VON ARNIM IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IS THAT THE EAST GERMANS HAVE TURNED BACK ALL BUSES THAT HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CARRY THE YOUNG RALLIERS TO BERLIN, AND WILL PRESUMABLY TURN BACK ANY OTHER BUSES THAT ATTEMPT TO PASS THROUGH EAST GERMAN TERRITORY CARRYING PERSONS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE RALLY. THE GDR AUTHORITIES HAVE CITED ARTICLE 16 OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT, THOUGH IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT ANY REASONABLE INTERPRETATION OF THIS ARTICLE WOULD NOT JUSTIFY STOPPAGE OF THESE BUSES ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR.

3. THE WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES PLAN TO PROTEST TO THE GDR AND MAY CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE FRG-GDR TRANSIT COMMISSION.

4. THE PRESS LINE WE ARE TAKING HERE IS THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN THE PRECISE FACTS AS TO WHAT HAPPENED. WE WILL ALSO SAY

THAT THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT IS PRIMARILY AN INNER-GERMAN ACCORD BUT WILL POINT OUT THAT IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE CONSTITUTIVE PARTS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AND IS CITED IN THE PROTOCOL AS SUCH.
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